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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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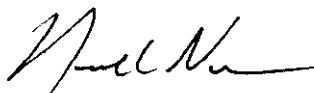
**Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
FCC Rules §54.314 - USF Affidavit**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Filer Mutual Telephone Company, a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, there is submitted herewith the carrier's annual affidavit filed pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §54.314(b), in support of its eligibility to receive federal support during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of next year.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


David L. Nace

c: Universal Service Administrative Company (w/enclosure)
2120 L Street, N.W., Suite 600
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Certification of
FILER MUTUAL TEPHONE COMPANY
P.O. Box 89, Filer, Idaho 83328-0089

AFFIDAVIT

I, John C. Gunn, Chief Operating Officer/General Manager of Filer Mutual Telephone Company (the "Cooperative") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the Chief Operating Officer/General Manager of the Cooperative;
2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of the state of Idaho where local exchange service is provided by the Cooperative;
3. The Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
5. The Cooperative will utilize all federal high-cost USF support received in 2003 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Signature: John C. Gunn

Date: 9-11-02

Print Name: John C. Gunn

Title: C.O.O.

State of Idaho

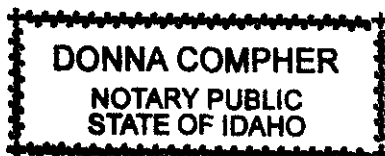
County of Twin Falls

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Idaho, on this day personally appeared John C. Gunn, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of September, 2002.

My Commission expires 6-15-04

(seal)



Donna Compber
Notary Public